CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: tn219000.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300432.016

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at North Shore

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 07 June 2013

a label:

Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the file has been downloaded from an internet site. It shows two naked prepubescent girls posing for the camera, with one girl's genital area prominently displayed. The image is intended for sexual titillation and arousal. It invites viewers to see young girls as sexual objects and encourages a sexual interest in children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.